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probably

In 1946 DCI Souers briefed the President daily.

In 1946-47 Vandenberg probably did this also.

In 47 Hillen Koetter?

Beginning 1947, Exec Sec Souers and Leahy briefed daily.

✓ Leahy retired in 1949 [and was succeeded by Dennison (but when? Cf Senate doc)]  
DCI Hillenkoetter wrote a report which was read by

✓ the NSC members before they met. He then answered questions at the meeting.

DCI Bedell Smith briefed the NSC weekly during the Korean War. First Gen. Bradley briefed on the military situation.

At this time?

During the Korean War, Lay and Dennison briefed Truman each day.

✓ They used both the CIA daily and State's daily black book. Also used Comint.

Lay mainly took up NSC business. (FA note--Souers may also have been present in his new capacity as a WH aide to the Pres.)

Information from--

*Committee Print*

Organizational History of the National Security Council

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Study Submitted to the Committee on Government

Operations, U. S. Senate, by its

Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery

US GPO Washington, 1960

(Written by James S. Lay, Jr., and Robert H. Johnson)

Lay was Asst Exec Sec of the NSC, 1947-50

then Exec Sec 1950-61

Johnson was a member of the NSC staff, then Dir of the Planning Board Secretariat.

NSC history divides into 3 periods:

Sept 1947-June 1950

June 1950-Jan 1953

Jan 1953-

First period:

Souers was sworn in as Exec Sec of the NSC before its first meeting on 26 Sept 1947.

The Council's recommendations were brought to the Pres for his consideration ~~by~~ following the meeting (the Pres didn't usually preside), ordinarily by the Exec Sec, who served, in effect, as Admin Asst to the Pres for national security matters. The Exec Sec saw the Pres daily to brief him on the latest foreign intell as well as on Council matters. p 5.

With the retirement of Adm. William H. Leahy, Chief of Staff to the Pres., on 26 March 1949, the Exec Sec assumed full responsibility

for briefing the Pres daily on politico-mil affairs, a task he had previously  
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*When did Adm. Dennis come into the picture?*

performed in cooperation with Adm Leahy. footnote p 5.

In the first year of the Council's existence a written current intell report was regularly placed on the agenda for the Council's info. Later this report was submitted monthly. In 1950 it was dropped altogether as an agenda item. p 12.

Second period:

Right after the begin'g of the Korean War, Pres Truman began presiding regularly at all Council meetings. About this time, the Pres directed that the Council meet regularly every Thurs. p 17

Souers resigned as Exec Sec on 15 Jan 1950 and was succeeded by Lay. Souers was appointed a special consultant to the Pres and continued to attend all Council meetings until Jan 53. footnote p 17.

The Exec Sec, of course, attended NSC meetings.

In changes on 19 July 1950, the Pres made the Exec Sec the chairman of the NSC's senior staff group. This group, mostly on the Asst Sec level, was the principal staff arm of the Council. p 18

The Exec Sec-chn maintained a neutral position as to policy recommendations, but participated actively leading the discussion in an effort to bring out all relevant facts and viewpoints and to explore all feasible alternative policies. "Of greatest significance was the fact that the Exec Sec, because of his daily contact with the Pres, was in a position to know or to ascertain the Pres's desires and requirements with respect to the problems before the Senior Staff and the Council." p 19

In the last half of 1950 and the first half of 1951, the Council was meeting an average of 3 times a month. In the last half of 51 and all of 52, weekly meetings continued to be scheduled, but many were cancelled so that meetings averaged less than two a month. p 20

Third period:

natl security

In 1968, the report by Mr. Robt Cutler on the organization resulted in the creation of the position of Spec Asst to the Pres for Natl Security Affairs. (Cutler got this job.) ~~This change~~ The Spec Asst was named principal exec officer of the Council and ch'n of the NSC Plnning Board (formerly Senior Staff). "This change represented the designation by the Pres of a member of the WH staff as his principal staff officer for Natl security affairs. The Exec Sec, who had previously performed this gen'l role, was reappointed head of the career staff of the Council and was designated to act for the Spec Asst in his absence and to advise and aid him in the performance of his duties." p 27

"...with the beginning of the new Administration in 1953, responsibility for daily briefing of the Pres on current foreign politico-mil developments was transferred from the Exec Sec to the WH Staff Sec. (That was Col. Paul Carroll) ~~footnote~~ ~~that~~ The Exec Sec did continue to participate in the Spec Asst's briefing of the Pres before Council meetings." footnote p 27

Dates for ~~holders of~~ Assts to the Pres for Natl Sec Affairs:

Cutler, March 53- March 55  
Dillon Anderson Apr 55- Aug 56)  
William H. Jackson (acting) Sept- Dec 56  
Gordon Gray July 58 on

In 1960, ~~the~~ attendance at the NSC meetings is as follows:

The regular Council attendants who sit at the Council table are the five statutory members (Pres, VP, Sec State, Sec Def, and Dir of OCDM--Off of Civil & Def Mobilization), the two regular participant members (Sec Treas and Dir Budget Bureau), the two statutory advisers (Chn JCS and DCI), Dir USIA, Spec Asst to Pres, Exec Sec of NSC, and Dep Exec Sec. p 31

In 1955-6 the Council met somewhat less frequently than in the previous two years. p 32

"In accordance with a directive from the Pres in Jan 53, one feature of every Council meeting is an oral briefing by the Dir of Cen Intell summarizing important developments that are occurring throughout the world. He gives particular attention to those areas which are on the Council agenda that day." p 36

S. Everett Gleason was Dep Exec Sec from 6 March 50 to 16 Aug 59. He was replaced by Marion W. Boggs (male).

Bromley Smith became Exec Officer of the OCB on 1 Jan 59.

Re Jay -

1. Can we check Monty personnel records to see when he joined CIB? Became chief of the <sup>CRS?</sup> <sub>enter press</sub>

2. Might find some of this in  
→ Monty's history. Read it.

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3. Might see [REDACTED]  
about several questions -- 8, 12,

✓ 4. Get NSC structure booklet.  
"Organizational History of the NSC"  
Done for the Committee on Govt Ops,  
US Senate, 1960.

No. refer to Pres. No. 5

2. Now have Reg. 840. (not far from 1200)

✓ 10 people over together with 2 days. Lay became Exec Sec of MIA. p. 7 ms

8. 1447 on.

p. 12 of History of NSC Structure 1960

✓ briefings  
+ int. mtd  
for NSC  
p. 26

Orig. Hist of NSC  
Daily for the Committee on Int  
affs, US Senate 1960

10. The CIA Daily would be read entirely by the Pres

11. He didn't have office in the WH. was in EOB.



Birthdays of the Pres

✓ 1946-

# 19-7

1947-NSC

Jan 50-53

Southern Daily (probably)

Vanderbilt "

<sup>Exe Sec</sup> Southern Daily  
(Leahy retired Feb 49)  
March

Long & Dennis or daily

MEMORANDUM FOR: *Mr. Lay* —

*These are the things I'd  
like to know about  
when you have time.*

*OCI Historian 7150*

*9 March 73*  
(DATE)

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FORM NO. 101 REPLACES FORM 10-101  
1 AUG 54 WHICH MAY BE USED.

(47)

Questions:

My project is to trace the history of current intelligence support of the President. While I have some specific questions, I'd like to hear anything you think is relevant. Anecdotes are especially welcome.

1. As a backdrop, did OSS or the Joint Chiefs provide direct current intelligence support of the President during WW II?

2. CIG apparently was formed very rapidly after the President's letter of 22 January 1946. The first meeting of National Intelligence Authority was on 5 February. When did people gather after that to begin CIG work? Where did they work?

3. Was the Central Reports Staff created immediately? Who was the first head of this?

4. About how many other people were on the Central Reports staff in the beginning?

5. To whom did President Truman give the instruction for the CIG to produce a daily summary?

6. Was the first Daily Summary on 15 February a collective effort of all the staff at that time? Who was the editor?

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7. When did [REDACTED] join the staff?

8. How did the Daily Summary get to the President? Did you deliver it yourself?

9. Did the Weekly Summary, which began in June 1946, get delivered the same way? ?

10. In the book Mr. President there is that picture of Mr. Truman's cloak and dagger boys, showing you, Gen. Smith and Adm. Dennison with the President. What was Adm. Dennison's role in regard to intelligence? ✓

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12. In his Memoirs, Mr. Truman wrote that the Director of CIA usually was his first caller of the day. Did this practice begin in 1947 and did Hillenkoetter continue to follow it as long as he was DCI? ✓

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15. Did Admiral Hillenkoetter, as DCI, brief the NSC? ✓

16. If so, who prepared his briefing material?

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18. Did Gen. Smith brief the NSC?

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19. Gen. Smith and [REDACTED] briefed the President every Friday morning. I suppose Adm. Hillenkoetter did not do this?

20. Did you have a connection with these Friday briefings?

21. In the Eisenhower period, did you pass to the Agency the President's wishes regarding the subjects for the NSC briefings? With whom did you usually deal?

22. At the NSC, did anyone other than Mr. Dulles present the intelligence briefings?

JSL

*Interview with J. E. Lay Jr.*

Questions:

*In USIB Cont. from 3 April 1973  
and 6-22  
1000 - 1145*

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*Lay had been the  
3rd Sec of SIC  
(after Monty & Joe)  
Someone else*

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*Not weekly SIC weekly Summary*

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*Sources got  
Monty, Lay (etc)  
2 from each  
Service*

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*See Monty history,  
Also Phelanhead.*

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*Adm Sowers  
See Darling list*

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*Don't recall in CIG room;  
night room*

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*key briefed every day with Dennison, who more or less succeeded in being as briefed on mil matters. - beginning Korean war*

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*Used both CIA Daily & State daily black books. Smith & I shared '52. Mainly took up NSC business*

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*Dir. of CIA Souers & Vanden's*

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*made report to be read ahead of time. Answered 4's. See Senate report on NSC, p. 12*

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*p. 12 of Senate report*

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*War. Briefly briefed on mil int first.*

*But check with [redacted]*

*history.*

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*Only State Dept did this for current intel*

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*Not usually*



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